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1. FEB 9 ETHIOPIAN HERALD CONTINUES CARRY MESSAGES OF
SUPPORT FOR MENGISTU GOVERNMENT AND REVOLUTIONARY STEPS TAKEN
AGAINST COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY ELEMENTS. TODAY'S LIST OF SUP-
PORTERS FOR LAST WEEK'S PURGE INCLUDES ETHIOPIAN JOURNALISTS
ASSOCIATION, MILITARY AND POLICE UNITS, ASSAB DOCK WORKERS,
PROVINCIAL ADMINISTRATORS, BUREAUCRATS, STUDENT GROUPS, AND
OTHER ASSORTED ENTITIES. PRESS REPORTS OF "SPONTANEOUS" MASS
RALLIES IN VARIOUS TOWNS AND REGIONS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY
SUPPORTING MENGISTU AND PMAC CONTINUE.

2. ON INTERNATIONAL SIDE, MENGISTU RECEIVED LIBYAN AND YUGO-
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SLAV AMBASSADORS FEB 8. BOTH INDICATED "FULL SUP-
PORT FOR ONGOING ETHIOPIAN REVOLUTION." LIBYAN AMBASSADOR
ALSO REPORTEDLY DELIVERED PERSONAL MESSAGE OF SUPPORT
FROM QADHAFI STATING THAT LIBYANS STOOD ALONGSIDE ETHIOPIAN
PEOPLE IN THEIR STRUGGLE TO CRUSH INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL
REACTIONARY ELEMENTS AND EXPRESSING HAPPINESS OVER SUCCESS
OF PROGRESSIVES IN COUNTERING COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY PLOT.

COMMENT: GOVT-CONTROLLED PRESS ATTEMPTING TO CREATE
IMAGE OF BOTH WIDESPREAD INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL SUPPORT FOR
RECENT PURGE. LIBYANS AND YUGOSLAVS HAVE JOINED PARADE LED
BY SOVIETS AND CUBANS AND FOLLOWED BY PRC, PDRY, E. GERMANY
AND HUNGARY. COMMUNIQES ISSUED ARE NOTABLY SIMILAR IN CASE
OF ALL BUT CHINESE AND YUGOSLAVS WHO HAVE CAREFULLY LIMITED
THEIR REMARKS TO SUPPORT FOR ONGOING REVOLUTION. REMAINDER
HAVE COMPLIMENTED LEADERSHIP OF PMAC OR MENGISTU ON CRUSHING
COUP ATTEMPT AND EXPRESSED UNCONDITIONAL SUPPORT FOR REVOLU-
TIONARY MEASURES TAKEN BY PROGRESSIVE LEADERSHIP.
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